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VAMPIRELLA 21

Vampirella Bites Twice in July

Readers who can't get enough of Dynamite's sensual vampire will have twice the cause for celebration in July! Not only is a major storyline launching in the core ***Vampirella*** title, but the heroine gets to express her thoughts about media vampire fascination in the pages of ***Vampirella Annual.***

No one expects "Inquisition," but that's just what writer *Brandon Jerwa* is delivering in ***Vampirella #21.*** "'Inquisition' will bring some serious change sweeping through Vampirella's world," Jerwa explained. "I know that's the sort of thing that you hear from comic writers all the time—'The stakes have never been higher *BLAH BLAH BLAH*'—but I can back up the hype. I *do* have to be careful about spoilers, because I'm not just jumping in and sweeping everything off the table; *Eric Trautmann* has done some fine work since the very first issue, and I am definitely picking up every treacherous thread that he has so gleefully left hanging.

"New readers will be able to pick up ***Vampirella #21*** with no problem, but the readers who have been around longer are going to see many things come together in a big, dramatic way. As for the souls that Vampirella hopes to save, her poor sidekick Sofia is definitely at the very top of her list. The souls on the 'destroy' list are too numerous to name at the moment."

For readers jumping on the ***Vampirella*** bandwagon with this issue, Jerwa offered a run-down on what's happening to date. "Vampirella has been working with Cestus Dei, a sort of black-ops paramilitary strike team that deals with supernatural threats for the Vatican. During a recent operation, an act of betrayal by Vampirella's superior, Herr Schuld, resulted in Vampi's sidekick Sofia being possessed by a long-absent villain named Von Kreist. Vampi has been obsessed with saving Sofia since that time, but she's starting to feel quite a bit like her allies are turning against her.

"Meanwhile, Dracula himself has been quietly building an army, and enjoying the benefit of a considerable boost in his level of power. There's a war brewing, and Vampirella's not quite sure if she likes any of the options when it comes to picking a side."

Vampirella isn't alone in "Inquisition. "We've got heroes: Vampirella, Pantha, Pendragon, Tongueman, Lorelei, the Conjuress, the Scarlet Legion, and a few new faces who have come to the forefront over the last few months," Jerwa said. "As for the villains, it's practically Murderer's Row: Dracula, Von Kreist, an army of truly nasty demons and monsters, and the Mad God Chaos. That's just to name a few, of course..."

Jerwa assures readers that big things are happening in this story arc. "There will be some extreme developments, and they will happen at a fairly breathless pace. Again, I'm trying to avoid spoilers, because the changes that are coming are fairly major. See, Vampirella's whole universe can be reduced down to a timeless conflict between the forces of Order and the Mad God Chaos. That conflict has always been at the heart of this series, but the battle lines between those two entities, or concepts, or whatever-you-call-them, will become much more clearly drawn in the 'Inquisition' storyline.

"This will be a renewal of sorts for Vampirella. She will walk away from one life and start another, but she'll have to fight like hell to survive that change. She will be surprised by some characters, disappointed by others, and reunited with a whole slew of old friends and enemies."

What makes Vampirella distinctive among the legion of vampires populating the media nowadays? "For me, it's the versatility of the character," Jerwa said. " She's a vampire, an adventurer, a super-heroine, an anti-hero, and a cosmic angel of retribution, all wrapped up in a sexy female icon. Do I know how to put this character on the top of the sales charts? Nope. That's a job that's well above my pay-grade, so the best I can do is make sure that anyone who picks up the book is getting twenty-two pages of *Holy Jeez Oh Wow!* for their money every month. I believe that I'm writing the book that delivers that, and the art I've seen thus far is fantastic. I am genuinely excited to sit down and work on this book every month; I hope the readers find that excitement and return it."

If readers are looking for something a bit lighter in tone, *Mark Rahner* presents just the tale in ***Vampirella Annual #2,*** with a self-contained tale that blends adventure, horror, humor, and a dash of social commentary. "There's humor in the story... but it's dark, violent satire," Rahner said. "And it gets *pretty* dark and *pretty* violent. It begins with a young fanboy lobbying to become Vampi's new partner; even though she's discouraging him—they don't tend to last long—she decides to go with the kid to a big event: a convention in a little Washington town that's the setting for a phenomenally popular series of vampire books and movies."

Are these the sparkly, angst-ridden, soap-operaesque vampires, the pansexually baroque vampires, or the brutally animalistic vampires? "These are most definitely the sparkly type, and will look very familiar," Rahner said. "However, in my story, the series is called 'The Gloaming Saga,' which is even *more* nauseating than the real thing!"

How does Vampirella feel about this cultural fascination with inaccurately portrayed vampires? "Oh, she considers killing the kid who gets her to watch one of the movies," Rahner explained. "The 'Gloaming' vampires thoroughly disgust Vampirella. She's a very serious vampire and can't comprehend how anyone would be into that ridiculous garbage—let alone pretend to be those characters and not themselves. It's not a game for her. It's not a romance or a teen fantasy to be desired. And if that's not bad enough, she also runs into some Vampirella cosplayers, which is awkward for her!"

The situation takes a much more horrifying turn, though, when a group of predatory vampires arrive on the scene. "I like the idea of fans who have embraced a toothless—if you will—tween version of vampirism being confronted by the horrific real thing," Rahner said. "Vampirella's baffled and put off by the fans, but there's something even worse that's come there to prey."

Is Rahner having fun dispatching fans at the hands of bloodthirsty predators? "Of course, but it's far more cathartic to satirize the aforementioned hugely popular sparkly crap—as well as the town that goes to every shameless length imaginable to capitalize on it and separate fans from their money," Rahner said. "I really *did* travel to the town of Forks, Washington—and you can find a video of the results on YouTube if you're clever."

Does Rahner have any other Vampirella tales in the works? "They'll probably never let me near her again after this!" the writer joked.

After a period in which it seemed like Dynamite Entertainment was offering a variety of Vampirella projects every month, the company seems to have tightened its focus. Publisher *Nick Barrucci* explained what led to the change. "We had a lot of Vampirella projects that we were passionate about, and we wanted to release them. They were well accepted. But it's really about having the right stories. Right now we've trimmed it down to one book a month, the main title, because we didn't have any other supporting series that we feel should be released currently. The core series is doing so well that we didn't want to water it down with miniseries that weren't compelling. As soon as we have the right stories, of course, we're going to move forward with more new series. But again, it all comes down to the story."

Vampirella #21, a $3.99 comic by *Brandon Jerwa & Jose Malaga* with covers by *Fabiano Neves, Paul Renaud, Lucio Parillo, & Ale Garza,* is scheduled for mid-July release. ***Vampirella Annual #2,*** a $4.99 extra-length book by *Mark Rahner & Joe St. Pierre* with cover art by *Joseph Michael Linsner,* follows later in the month.

by Cliff Biggers

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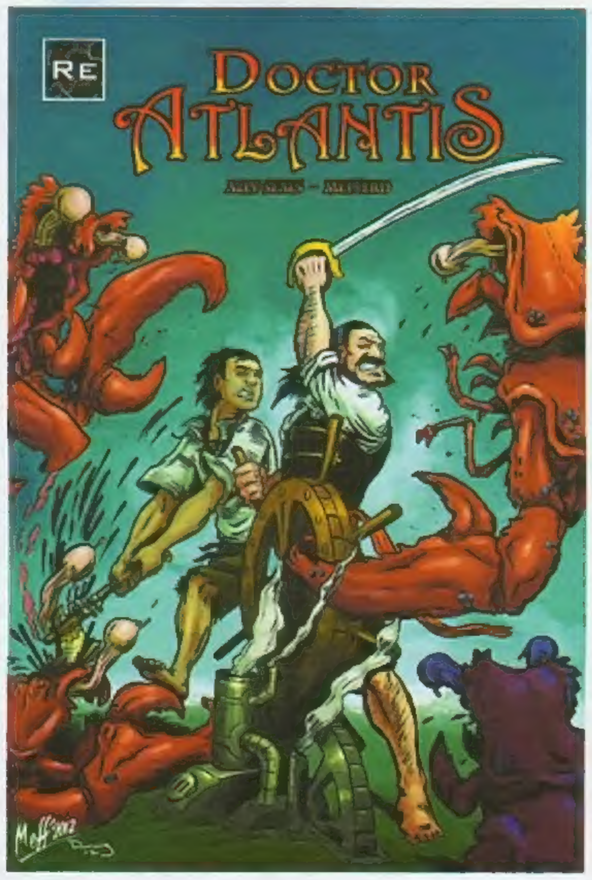
Hail Atlantis

When you hear mention of "Atlantis," you probably envision an advanced culture of seafaring ancients destined for doom when their island home inevitably sinks beneath the waves. Or perhaps you think of an underground realm of water-breathers, led by a hero who is equally at home above or below the waves.

But you won't find any of that in *Ian Ally-Seals & Carl Mefferd's* ***Doctor Atlantis.*** Instead, you'll find nautical adventure with a historical fantasy angle. "***Doctor Atlantis*** is a steampunk series set on the high seas," Ally-Seals told *CSN.* "It follows the adventures of Dr. Julius Fowler as he explores the endless ocean in a steam powered ship called ***The Atlantis.*** The story begins with Fowler rescuing a half dead castaway floating from a sinking boat. Together they fight terrifying monsters and explore strange new lands while trying to puzzle out who the other really is.

"The three main characters in the series are Dr. Fowler, Chosot, and Great-Mother Jerad. As I said, Fowler is the captain and sole crew member of ***The Atlantis.*** Chosot is an escaped slave who is rescued by Fowler from his sinking boat. Both men become fast friends but find it hard to trust each other. Chosot is hesitant to reveal his past while Fowler won't talk about his past at all. Great-mother Jerad is the oldest living member of the slave community that Chosot was born into. She looks at Fowler as an opportunity for her people's escape, but also with great caution. She doesn't know if he might be just another foreigner looking to exploit her loved ones."

In some ways, this book harkens back to archetypal 19th and early 20th century adventure literature--an enlightened hero, noble but more primitive natives who need his aid, and a series of menaces--some human, some fantastic. From Burroughs to Wells to Kipling to Doc Savage, this has become a familiar story construct, and Ally-Seals acknowledges those influences. "I am a huge fan adventure/science fiction literature of the 19th and early 20th century. *Jules Verne, Robert E. Howard,* and *H.G. Wells*—***The Time Machine*** in particular—are major influences on my writing," Ally-Seals said. "Anyone who works in the adventure genre has to give respect and admiration to the old masters, they built the sandbox we get to play in.



"It is true that the character of Dr. Fowler falls into the tradition of John Carter and Allan Quatermain: the noble and dashing hero in a far-off land having adventures. One of the things I like about our hero in ***Doctor Atlantis,*** though, is just how in over his head is almost always is. Fowler is constantly misreading situations and coming to wrong conclusions. His bravado, unlike that of someone like Quatermain, is false bravado. He is full of self doubt. Fowler is brilliant and heroic but rarely the smartest man in the room, so to speak. He's not quick on the uptake. The 'savages'"in the story are far more savvy and in control than the protagonist.

"This change in type is a bit of my reaction to heroes in the great adventure novels. I mean, sometimes it seems that half of John Carter is just a description of how awesome John Carter is in every way... I love John Carter, but I prefer my hero slightly more exasperated.

"Some other influences on ***Doctor Atlantis*** are adventure comics from the 70's and 80's. Specificly a series called ***Timespirits*** that was published under Marvel's Epic line. It's one of my favorite adventure stories of all time, and there's a lot of ***Timespirits*** in ***Doctor Atlantis.***"

The story intentionally avoids establishing a specific setting; will we ever learn when and where this tale takes place? "The time and place of the story will become much more concrete in the second volume, which is scheduled for October 2012 release. I can say that the series takes place during the Age of Exploration in the 1500's. One aspect to the story that is hinted upon is that, in this historical fiction, the world really *is* flat and no one knows how far the ocean stretches. The alternate timeline for Europe plays a large role in the series."

Will we ever learn what happened to the rest of the crew of ***The Atlantis?*** "We certainly will," Ally-Seals said. "It's a secret that Fowler has been running from, but it catches up with him in ***Doctor Atlantis Volume 2.***

"We will also learn more about Chosot's people in the second volume. Finding a way to get the ex-slaves back home while keeping the island's location secret is a major plot point in the ***Volume 2.***"

Ally-Seals prefers to work in the original graphic novel format because he can offer readers much more story for the money. "We feel that this format will give retailers a little breathing room in terms of pushing the book to readers, rather than having to cultivate an instant readership for a new monthly book. We will be putting out a 88-page trade every three months, with each story arch split into two volumes."

Doctor Atlantis Volume 1 (MAY121252), a $9.99 88-page trade paperback, is scheduled for mid-July release.

CSNsider

•You're going to have to wait a little bit longer for ***Absolute Final Crisis*** (MAY120288), but it'll be well worth it: not only is DC adding ***Final Crisis #1 Director's Cut*** and ***Batman #s 682 & 683*** to the book at no additional charge, but they're also adding seven all-new story pages written by *Grant Morrison* and illustrated by *Doug Mahnke.* This will push the oversized, slipcased edition to a whopping 464 pages for only $99.99. Look for it late October.

•Bad news for fans of the *Marv Wolfman-Gene Colan* horror classic ***Night Force:*** back in October of last year, DC cancelled orders for the hardcover collection of the series, and now orders for the trade paperback edition have also been cancelled, with no plans for resolicitation.

•***Adventure Time*** has been so successful for Boom Studios that the company is adding a second ***Adventure Time*** book this summer. ***Adventure Time: Marceline & the Scream Queens*** (MAY120990) focuses on Marceline and Princess Bubblegum,

SPIDER-MAN

BY STAN LEE & LARRY LIEBER

LAST NIGHT YOU GOT ZAPPED BY LOKI, AND WOUND UP IN THE HOSPITAL—
JUST OVERNIGHT, FOR OBSERVATION.
—AND NOW YOU'RE OFF TO A CAST MEETING! WOW!
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 4-23

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courtesy of creators *Meredith Gran & Jen Wang*.

•*Mickey Spillane* fans who think they have ea complete Mike Hammer collection will have to make room on their bookshelf for a new volume this summer, when Hermes Press unveils ***Mickey Spillane's From the Files of... Mike Hammer: The Complete Dailies and Sundays HC*** (MAY121178), a 192-page volume collecting the 1953-54 strip by Spillane and artist *Ed Robbins*. The book, which is slated for July release, also features essays by *Max Allan Collins*.

Back to Press

•***Amazing Spider-Man #682 2nd Printing*** (MAR128094), featuring a variant cover by *Gabrielle Dell'Otto*, in stores 5/16.

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•***America's Got Powers #1 2nd Printing*** (FEB128169), in stores 5/9.

•***Avengers Vs. X-Men #0 3rd Printing*** MAR128092), featuring a variant cover by *Frank Cho*, in stores 5/16.

•***Avengers Vs. X-Men #2 2nd Printing*** (FEB128214), featuring a variant cover by *Jim Cheung*, in stores now.

•***Fatale #1 5th Printing*** (MAR128079), in stores 5/9.

•***Justice League #4 3rd Printing*** (MAR128090), featuring a recolored version of the original cover, in stores 5/16.

•***New Avengers #24 2nd Printing*** (MAR128096), featuring a variant cover by *Mike Deodato*, in stores 5/16.

•***The Secret #1 2nd Printing*** (FEB128171), in stores 5/9.

•***Thief of Thieves #1 3rd Printing*** (MAR128105), in stores 5/9.

•***Thief of Thieves #3 2nd Printing*** (FEB28172), in stores 5/9.

Coming Comics—Dark Horse in July

In ***Angel & Faith #12*** by *Christos Gage & Rebekah Isaacs*, Angel, Faith, Willow, and Connor enter the hell dimension where no one should—or really, could—dare go: Quor-Toth!

Malachai Nicolle & Ethan Nicolle present the adventures of the next president of the whole world in ***Axe Cop: President of the World #1.*** But what will Axe Cop and his friends do in a world with no bad guys? Look to defeat the bad guys from outer space, of course!

After discovering a dead body in an office bathroom, hungover job interviewee Rich "Bucko" Richardson becomes suspected of the murder in ***Bucko,*** a 136-page collection of the online comic by *Jeff Parker & Erika Moen*.

Buffy is recruited by ex-girlfriend-of-Willow Kennedy to act as a bodyguard for high profile clients in ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 9 #11,*** and her first client is having some woeful demon trouble that Buffy can't wait to sink her stake into.

Steve Niles & Scott Morse take monster hunter Cal McDonald to a creepy subterranean military base where mad-science experiments were conducted on US soldiers in ***Criminal Macabre: The Iron Spirit HC.***

Dark Horse Presents grows to 104 pages with #14, which includes new installments of ***Aliens, Ghost,*** and ***Mister X,*** along with the debut of *Michael Avon Oeming's* ***The Wild Rover.***

Dark Horse adds a companion to their ***Creepy*** horror anthology series with the release of ***Eerie Comics #1,*** featuring new horror tales by *David Lapham, Christopher Taylor, & Rafa Garres.*

Mike Mignola & Christopher Golden's most recent novel gets the deluxe signed, limited, slipcased treatment with the release of ***Joe Golem and the Drowning City Deluxe HC,*** which also includes the previously unpublished in print Joe Golem story "Joe Golem and the Copper Girl."

The galaxy has learned the terrible truth: Sith Lord Darth Maul still lives. Worse, he has joined forces with his brother Savage Opress! The Jedi are searching for them—and so is an army of mercenaries—in ***Star Wars: Darth Maul—Death Sentence #1.***

Dark Horse continues its line of classic syroco-styled Marvel heroes and villains with the release of ***Marvel Classic Characters Series 2 #2: Sub-Mariner,*** limited to 750 numbered pieces.

Dark Horse collected editions (advance solicited for August and September release) include:

•***Buffy the Vampire Slayer Season 8 Volume 2 Library Edition HC,*** collecting ***BTVS Season 8 #s 11-20.***

•***The Chronicles of King Conan Volume 3 TP,*** collecting 208 pages of Conan adventures by *Doug Moench, Marc Silvestri, ron Frenz,* and others.

•***Concrete: Three Uneasy Pieces,*** reprinting the *Paul Chadwick* story from ***Dark Horse Presents #s 1-3.***

•***Eerie Archives Volume 11 HC,*** collecting ***Eerie*** #s 52-55.

•***Rex Mundi Omnibus Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Rex Mundi Volumes 1-3.***

•***Star Wars: Crimson Empire III—Empire Lost TP,*** collecting the *Mike Richardson-Paul Gulacy* miniseries.

•***Star Wars: The Crimson Empire Saga HC,*** a massive 488-page volume collecting all three parts of ***The Crimson Empire.***

Coming Comics—Dynamite in July

As *Eric Trautmann & Daniel Lindro's* ***Flash Gordon: Zeitgeist #9*** begins Ming has been defeated. Long live Flash Gordon! Following the daring assault on Mingo City, peace reigns across the kingdoms of Mongo... or does it?

The Lone Ranger and Tonto are in the crossfire as the supposed return of the Spirit Horse inspires a bloody Kiowa uprising in ***The Lone Ranger: Snake of Iron #1*** by *Chuck Dixon & Esteve Pols.*

Dynamite's crossover event continues in ***Prophecy #2*** by *Ron Marz & Walter Geovani*, as Red Sonja, Vampirella, Pantha, and others—including Dracula himself—become allies in an attempt to save the world from the Mayan 2012 Doomsday prophecy.

Lamont Cranston and Margo Lane come face to face with the full horror of the Japanese occupation in ***The Shadow #4*** by *Garth Ennis & Aaron Campbell.*

Brandon Jerwa & Jose Malaga launch "Inquisition" in ***Vampirella #21.***

Vampirella is convinced to visit a convention focusing on sparkly vampires in ***Vampirella Annual #2*** by *Mark Rahner & Joe St. Pierre...* but things go horribly awry when real vampires show up!

I'M OKAY, PETER... REALLY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO WITH ME TO THE THEATRE.
HEY, BEING WITH YOU IS THE MOST FUN I CAN HAVE!
MAMA AL'S
STAN LEE
LARRY LIEBER
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YOU WON'T EVEN BE ALLOWED AT THE CAST MEETING.
TOO BAD, 'CAUSE I'D JUST BE A FLY ON THE WALL.
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...OR MAYBE A SPIDER!

Sara Pezzini confronts a demon who was once a serial killer dispatched to hell by the Witchblade... and now he's back to demonstrate all that he learned down under in ***Witchblade: Demon Reborn #1*** by *Ande Parks & Jose Luis.*

Dynamite collected editions include:

- ***The Boys Definitive Edition Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***The Boys #s 39-47.***
- ***Kevin Smith's The Bionic Man Volume 1: Some Assembly Required TP,*** collecting ***The Bionic Man #s 1-10.***
- ***The Lone Ranger Volume 5: Hard Country TP,*** collecting ***The Lone Ranger v2 #s 1-6.***
- ***Warlord of Mars Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Warlord of Mars #s 10-18.***

Coming Comics—IDW in July

Detective Shane Collins is a good cop who has been brutally murdered. Given a second chance to seek vengeance against his killers, Shane's spirit walks the dark line between life and death in ***After the Fire,*** a 100-page oneshot by *Tom Waltz & Guiu Vilanova.*

When Bliss, an ignored Defense Department linguist, unlocks the secret translation of an ancient scroll, terror rains from the sky in ***Battle Beasts #1*** by *Bobby Curnow & Valerio Schiti.* And these Battle Beasts are determined to make Earth their own personal war zone.

Joe Hill, Jason Ciaramella, & Nelson Daniel present a prequel tale set in 1969 Vietnam in ***The Cape: 1969 #1.***

John Shirley & Kevin Colden bring back *James O'Barr's* brooding spirit of vengeance in ***The Crow #1.*** The spirit of the Crow is back, transfiguring Jamie Osterberg, an American studying in Tokyo and deeply in love with his Japanese girlfriend, Yumi... until the love of his life is stolen. The Crow must once more make the wrong thing right—but this time he might have to do it by killing his own true love...

The two most incredible covert action teams the world has ever known—so covert, in fact, that neither knows the other exists—are meeting for the first time in ***Danger Girl/G.I. Joe #1*** by *Andy Hartnell & John Royce.*

Chad Minshew adapts *Scott Sigler's* best-selling tale of a mysterious disease that transforms ordinary people into paranoid, raving murderers in ***Infected #1.***

The writing staff of the ***Jericho*** television series revisits post-apocalyptic America in ***Jericho: Season 4 #1,*** which picks up where the ***Season 3*** series left off. Though Jake and Hawkins are happy to be back in Jericho, the challenges they face are daunting. Not only are they fugitives in their own hometown, but they find themselves forced to play host to the newest member of the Jericho community—John Smith... a man who some know as a friend of the resistance, but who Jake and Hawkins know as the man behind the September Attacks.

Daryl Gregory & Alan Robinson present the life story of the barbarian conqueror in ***Secret Battles of Genghis Khan.***

Hockey playing student by day, vigilante by night—and you can learn all about him in ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Microseries #6: Casey Jones*** by *Mike Costa, Ben Epstein, & Michael Dowling.*

Before Optimus became a Prime. he fought for order. Before Megatron became a conquerer, he fought for freedom. Before they were enemies they stood against—Autocracy. Learn a little about their history in ***Transformers: Autocracy*** by *Chris Metzen, Flint Dille, & Livio Ramendelli.*

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Simon Furman, Andrew Wildman, & Steve Baskerville pick up where Marvel left off with ***Transformers: Regeneration One #81.*** 21 years have passed since Cybertron was restored to its former glory, and finally there is peace. But, after millions of years of bitter civil war, can all ever truly be one?

THE MUCK MONSTER

IDW takes its ***Artist's Editions*** into a new direction with a pair of portfolios produced with the same lavish quality as the hardcover volumes. Both ***Bernie Wrightson's The Muck Monster: Artist's Edition Portfolio*** and ***Neal Adams' Thrill Kill Artist's Edition Portfolio*** offer complete stories by legendary creators, reproduced in full color to show all the pencil details, corrections, and other elements rarely seen by anyone other than original art collectors.

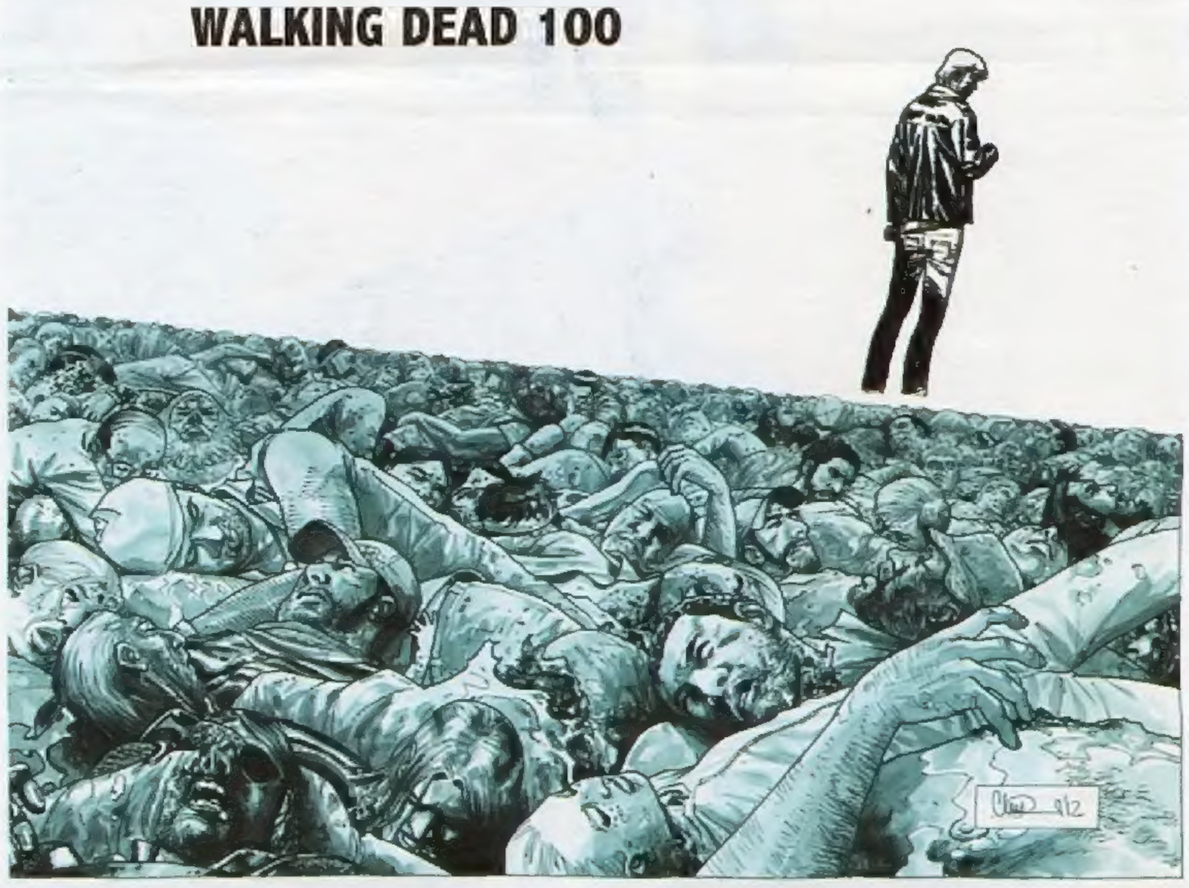
IDW collected editions include:

- ***Classic G.I. Joe #15,*** collecting Marvel's ***G.I. Joe #s 146-165.***
- ***The Complete Steve Canyon Volume 2 HC,*** collecting two more years of *Milton Caniff* strips.
- ***The Creativity of Steve Ditko HC,*** a 208-page companion volume to ***The Art of Steve Ditko.***
- ***The Crow: Midnight Legends Volume 1—Dead Time,*** collecting the *John Wagner-Alex Maleev* miniseries based on *James O'Barr's* proposed story for an unfilmed Crow movie.
- ***Danger Girl: The Danger-Sized Treasury Edition #2,*** a 9" x 14" collection of ***Danger Girl #s 3, 4, & 5.***
- ***Ghostbusters Volume 2: The Most Magical Place on Earth,*** collecting ***Ghostbusters #s 4-8.***
- ***G.I. Joe: Cobra Command Volume 2 TP,*** collecting the final five issues of ***Cobra Command.***
- ***G.I. Joe: Disavowed Volume 6 TP,*** collecting ***G.I. Joe #s 34-38.***
- ***Infestation 2 Volume 2 TP,*** collecting the ***Transformers*** and ***G.I. Joe Infestation 2*** miniseries.
- ***Monocyte HC,*** collecting the miniseries by *Menton3* with *Kasra Ghanbari.*
- ***Road Rage HC,*** collecting the limited series adapting tales by *Stephen King, Joe Hill, & Richard Matheson.*
- ***Skippy Volume 1: Complete Dailies 1925-1927,*** collecting years' worth of strips by *Percy Crosby.*
- ***Spike: The Complete Series,*** collecting the 8-issue IDW series that connects ***After the Fall*** to ***Buffy Season 8.***
- ***Star Trek Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Star Trek #s 5-8.***
- ***Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Volume 2: Enemies Old, Enemies New TP,*** collecting *TMNT #s 5-8.*
- ***Transformers 100-Page Spectacular,*** reprinting Marvel's ***Transformers #s 76-80.***
- ***Transformers: Robots in Disguise Volume 1 TP,*** collecting the first four issues.

Coming Comics—Image in July

Robert Kirkman, Charlie Adlard, & Cliff Rathburn commemorate 100 months of zombie horror with the extra-length ***Walking Dead #100,*** which contains some of the darkest moments in Rick Grimes' life. Cover artists for this special issue include *Charlie Adlard, Marc Silvestri, Frank Quitely, Todd McFarlane, Sean Phillips, Bryan Hitch, & Ryan Ottley;* there will also be a special ***Chromium Edition*** and a poster featuring Adlard's cover art.

WALKING DEAD 100



For one day in rural central Wisconsin, the dead came back to life. Now it's up to Officer Dana Cypress to deal with the media scrutiny, religious zealots, and government quarantine that has come with them in ***Revival #1*** by *Tim Seeley & Mike Norton.*

Chew's most popular supporting character gets his moment in the sun in ***Chew: Secret Agent Poyo #1*** by *John Layman & Rob Guillory.*

Erik Larsen presents the final showdown between Overlord and Savage Dragon in ***Savage Dragon #183.***

On a garbage-infested Earth, ancient spirits called Colossals arise from the debris, waging war against the remaining survivors of the human race, in ***Debris #1*** by *Kurtis J. Wiebe & Riley Rossmo.*

Avengelyne tells Father Peter a tale about the Red Dragon's attack on Heaven after his dark exile in ***Avengelyne Annual #1*** by *Mark Poulton & Stephen Sistilli.*

A rash of mass animal deaths leads the Hoax Hunters to the Louisiana bayou in ***Hoax Hunters #1*** by *Michael Moreci, Steve Seeley, & Axel Medellin.* What they find is a mystery that harkens to Jack's past — and a dangerous cryptid bent on revenge!

Steven Seagle & Marco Cinello present an offbeat tale for young readers in ***Batula,*** the story of a fruit bat who is transformed into a vampire bat.

Christos Gage & Jorge Lucas present a noirish tale of revenge and redemption in ***Sunset,*** a hardcover starring a former enforcer who stole a fortune from his former mob boss.

Image collected editions include:

- ***Blue Estate Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Blue Estate #s 9-12.***
- ***Bomb Queen Volume 7: The End of Hope TP,*** collecting ***Bomb Queen VII #s 1-4.***
- ***Elephantmen Volume 5: Devilish Functions HC,*** collecting ***Elephantmen #s 31-33, 36-39,*** and more.
- ***Gatecrasher Volume 1: Ring of Fire TP,***

WHAT HAPPENED TO MY DEPENDABLE CO-STAR, VINCE?
I HAD... KIND OF A FREAK ACCIDENT.
I FELL DOWN SOME STAIRS IN MY APARTMENT.
ALMOST FELT LIKE SOMEONE PUSHED ME!
STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 4-26
EVERYONE BUT CAST MEMBERS CLEAR THE THEATRE, PLEASE!
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collecting ***Gatecrasher #s 1-4.***
- ***Heart TP,*** collecting ***Heart #s 1-4.***
- ***Invincible Volume 16: Family Ties TP,*** collecting ***Invincible #s 85-90.***
- ***The Monolith HC,*** collecting the short-lived DC series by *Jimmy Palmiotti, Justin Gray, & Phil Winslade*
- ***Mudman Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Mudman #s 1-5.***

Coming Comics—Marvel in July

Morbius the Living Vampire is on the loose and no one at Horizon Labs is safe—including a recently cured Curt Connors. But if Curt Connors is cured, who or what is that new Lizard creature? It's definitely someone Spider-Man knows... and you'll find out who in ***Amazing Spider-Man #689*** by *Dan Slott & Giuseppe Camuncoli.*

In ***Avengers Vs. X-Men #7*** by *Matt Fraction & Olivier Coipel,* Cyclops changes the game with these three words: "No More Avengers!" Then, in #8, and out-of-control Namor invades Wakanda in pursuit of the Avengers, and a truth is revealed that may split the X-Men's alliance. July's tie-in books include:
- ***AVX: VS #4*** *(Rick Remender, Kaare Andrews, & Brandon Peterson):* Daredevil vs. Psylocke and Thor vs... well, we can't tell you yet!
- ***Avengers #28*** *(Brian Bendis & Walter Simonson):* Last stand of the Red Hulk.
- ***Avengers Academy #33*** *(Christos Gage & Timothy Green II):* Who will take a stand when the X-Men come for the school's Sentinel.
- ***New Avengers #28*** *(Brian Bendis & Mike Deodato):* Prison break, Avengers-style!
- ***X-Men Legacy #270*** *(Christos Gage & David Baldeon)* - Rogue vs. Ms. Marvel.
- ***Uncanny X-Men #15 & 16*** *(Kieron Gillen & Daniel Acuna):* The X-Men move against the forces of Sinister.
- ***Wolverine & the X-Men #13*** *(Jason Aaron & Nick Bradshaw):* Gladiator & the Shi'Ar Death Commandos take on the Phoenix.
- ***Wolverine and the X-Men #14*** *(Jason Aaron & Jorge Molina):* Kitty Pryde on a date with...?

Spider-Man teams up with the all-new Captain Marvel in ***Avenging Spider-Man #9*** by *Kelly Sue DeConnick & Terry Dodson.*

Carol Danvers is back in action with a new name, a new mission—and all the power she ever dreamed of—in ***Captain Marvel #1*** by *Kelly Sue DeConnick & Dexter Soy.*

Luke Cage learns the secret behind the deadly mission that faces the Dark Avengers, while the TimeStream-Travelling Thunderbolts battle Dr. Doom in the past for the fate of the future in ***Dark Avengers #s 17 & 178*** by *Jeff Parker, Declan Shalvey, & Kev Walker.*

The Nation of Wakanda is set on a path that will forever change its role in the Marvel Universe in ***Fantastic Four #608*** by *Jonathan Hickman & Giuseppe Camuncoli.*

The Thing and The Human Torch investigate a mysterious magical paradox in space and time involving the ClanDestine—and Doctor Strange is along for the ride in ***Fantastic Four Annual #33***

by *Alan Davis,* which leads into further ClanDestine adventures in ***Daredevil Annual #1.***

Fred Van Lente & Tom Fowler offer an updated version of the Hulk's origin and early adventures in ***Hulk Season One Premiere HC.***

Roger Langridge's "The Four Seasons" sees print for the first time in ***Muppets #1,*** the kickoff issue of a four-part series.

Brian Bendis & Michael Avon Oeming kick off a new chapter in the ***Powers*** saga with the release of ***Powers: FBI #1.*** Deena Pilgrim is now a federal agent and dealing with the biggest powers cases in the entire country. But will this new life close the closet full of skeletons she carries with her? And what does this mean for her old partner, Walker?

Take one heaping helping of Frank Castle, an equal measure of vengeance for lost family, stir in a full helping of alien criminal menace, and you get the science fictional ***Space Punisher #1*** by *Frank Tieri & Mark Texeira.*

Can Peter Parker and Miles Morales join forces to defeat an adversary who just might be too much for either of them individually? Find out in ***Spider-Men #3*** by *Brian Bendis & Sara Pichelli.*

Miles Morales must choose between battling his uncle turned crime lord or joining him to keep his family safe in ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #12*** by *Brian Bendis & David Marquez.*

The Ultimate Captain America returns in ***Ultimate Comics Ultimates #13*** by *Sam*

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Humphries & Billy Tan, which is a part of Marvel's "Divided We Fall" Ultimate Comics line-wide event.

"Divided We Fall" continues in ***Ultimate Comics X-Men #14*** by *Brian Wood & Paco Medina* as Kitty Pryde makes her stand.

Frank gets involved in the most twisted encounter ever in ***Untold Tales of Punisher MAX #2,*** written by *Jason LaTour.*

Toxin takes on Venom, and the Crime Master's Identity is revealed, in ***Venom #s 20 & 21*** by *Cullen Bunn, Rick Remender, & Lan Medina.*

How did Sabretooth survive his beheading all those years ago? *Jeph Loeb & Simone Bianchi* answer that question in ***Wolverine #310,*** which begins the sequel to "Evolution."

Travel the multiverse with Captain Howlett, Kid Nightcrawler, and Emmeline Frost in ***X-Treme X-Men #1*** by *Greg Pak & Stephen Segovia.* Which X-Men will be lost between dimensions...with no guaranteed way home?

Marvel collected editions (advance solicited for August and September release) include:

- ***Astonishing X-Men Volume 8: Children of the Brood TP,*** collecting ***Astonishing X-Men #s 38, 40, 42, 43,*** and more.
- ***Avengers: The Bride of Ultron Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Avengers #s 157-166.***
- ***Avengers: The Trial of Yellowjacket TP,*** collecting ***Avengers #s 212-230.***
- ***Avengers: West Coast Avengers—Family Ties TP,*** collecting ***West Coast Avengers #s 1-9*** and more.
- ***Captain America by Ed Brubaker Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Captain America #s 1-5.***
- ***Captain America & Bucky: The Life Story of Bucky Barnes TP,*** collecting ***Captain America & Bucky #s 620-624.***
- ***Casanova: Avarita TP,*** collecting the miniseries by *Matt Fraction & Gabriel Ba.*

- ***Counter X: X-Force—Rage War TP,*** collecting ***X-Force #s 110-115*** and more.
- ***Criminal: The Deluxe Edition Volume 2 HC,*** collecting ***Bad Night, The Sinners,*** and ***The Last of The Innocent,*** along with oodles of bonus features.
- ***Daken: Dark Wolverine—The Pride Comes Before the Fall TP,*** collecting ***Daken: Dark Wolverine #s 13-19.***
- ***Daredevil by Mark Waid Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Daredevil #s 1-6.***
- ***Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Battle of Tull TP,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Deadpool Volume 11: Dead Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Deadpool #s 50-54.***
- ***Essential Web of Spider-Man Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Web of Spider-Man #s 19-32*** and much more.
- ***Fantastic Four by Jonathan Hickman Volume 5 Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Fantastic Four #s 600-604.***
- ***FF by Jonathan Hickman Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***FF #s 6-11.***
- ***Formic Wars: Silent Strike Premiere HC,*** collecting the five-part miniseries.
- ***Ghost Rider: The Complete Series by Rob Williams TP,*** collecting ***Ghost Rider #s 0.1 & 1-9.***
- ***Halo: Fall of Reach HC,*** collecting ***Boot Camp #s 1-4, Covenant #s 1-4,*** and ***Invasion #s 1-4.***
- ***Herc: The Complete Series by Greg Pak & Fred Van Lente TP,*** collecting ***Herc #s 1-6.***
- ***Incredible Hulk: Regression TP,*** collecting ***Incredible Hulk #s 286-295 & 297-300.***
- ***Journey Into Mystery: Terrorism Myth Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Journey Into Mystery #s 632-636.***
- ***Man-Thing Omnibus HC,*** collecting ***Fear #s 10-19, Man-Thing #s 1-22, Giant-Size Man-Thing #s 1-3,*** and much more.
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Fantastic Four Volume 8 TP,*** collecting ***FF #s 72-81 & Annual #6.***
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Sgt. Fury Volume 4 HC,*** collecting ***Sgt. Fury and His Howling Commandos #s 33-43.***
- ***Power Volume 14: Gods TP,*** collecting ***Powers #s 7-11.***
- ***The Punisher by Greg Rucka Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Punisher #s 1-5*** and more.
- ***Red Hulk: Haunted TP,*** collecting ***Hulk #s 47-52.***

- ***Scarlet Spider Volume 1: Life After Death Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Scarlet Spider #s 1-6*** and more.
- ***Secret Avengers by Rick Remender Volume 1 Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Secret Avengers #s 21.1 & 22-25.***
- ***Spider-Man: The Complete Ben Reilly Epic Book 5 TP,*** collecting 464 more pages of the Ben Reilly saga from ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 414-416*** and many other '90s Spidey titles.
- ***Spider-Man: Ends of the Earth HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 682-687*** and more.
- ***Spider-Man: The Next Chapter Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 13-19 & Annual 2000*** and much more.
- ***Spider-Man: Nothing Can Stop the Juggernaut Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 224-230.***
- ***Thing Classic Volume 2 TP,*** collecting ***Thing #s 11-22*** and more.
- ***Thor: The Deviants Saga TP,*** collecting the five-issue miniseries.
- ***Thunderbolts Classic Volume 3 TP,*** collecting ***Thunderbolts #s 15-22*** and more.
- ***Ultimate Comics Hawkeye by Jonathan Hickman TP,*** collecting the four-part miniseries.
- ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man by Brian Bendis Volume 1 TP,*** collecting ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #s 1-5*** and more.
- ***Ultimate Comics Ultimates by Jonathan Hickman Volume 2 Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Ultimate Comics Ultimates #s 7-12.***
- ***Ultimate Comics X-Men by Nick Spencer Volume 2 Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Ultimate Comics X-Me #s 7-12.***
- ***Wolverine & the X-Men: Alpha & Omega Premiere HC,*** collecting ***Wolverine & the X-Men #s 1-5.***
- ***X-Factor Volume 14: Super Unnatural TP,*** collecting ***X-Factor #s 224.1 & 225-228.***

- ***X-Men: Bishop's Crossing HC,*** collecting ***Uncanny X-Men #s 281-293, X-Men #s 12-13,*** and more.
- ***X-Men: FF TP,*** collecting ***X-Men #s 15.1 & 16-19.***

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